

Claim 9 recites "A tool for fixing a connection piece as claimed in claim 1 in a container orifice..." Claim 1 recites:

1. A container, in particular a header of a heat exchanger, with an orifice in which a connection piece is mounted, wherein the connection piece has, at its end facing the container, a deformable connection piece edge region which, before deformation, projects into the container and, after deformation, bears at least partially against the container orifice on the inside.

Claim 9 requires all the features of the connection piece of claim 1. As a result, the special technical features of claim 1 are also present in claim 9. Claims 1 and 9, therefore, share the same technical features (i.e., the technical features of claim 1). Accordingly, claims 1-8 (Group I) and claims 9-20 (Group II) are related to a general inventive concept, and the restriction requirement is improper. For at least these reasons, claims 1-20 should be subject to examination.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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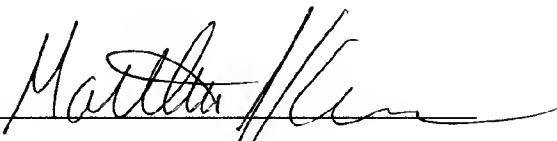
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